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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION and PETITION TO ACCORD A FILING DATE

Dear Sir:

Applicant submits herein a copy of the Notice of Omitted Items in a Non-Provisional Application, dated November 5, 2003, wherein the Office of Initial Patent Examination states that Figures 58 and 59 were omitted from U.S. Application No. 10/601,208 as filed on June 20, 2003.

Applicant respectfully disagrees and contends that Figures 58 and 59 were included in the application filed June 20, 2003. As proof of filing of Figures 58 and 59, Applicant submits herein a copy of the return postcard bearing the US Patent Office Stamp, indicating receipt of Figures 1-73 on 45 pages. However, for the Office's convenience, Applicant encloses herewith an additional copy of Figures 58 and 59, found on page 37 of 45.

Applicant hereby petitions for a filing date of June 20, 2003, to be accorded to the '208 application and all of its Figures, including Figures 58 and 59. If required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$130.00 petition fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit

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Account 12-0600; however, Applicant additionally requests a refund of the \$130.00 fee, as the loss of Figures 58 and 59 is a Patent Office error.

Applicant believes no further fees are due, however, if any fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Response to Notice of Omitted Items, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600.

Respectfully submitted:

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